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| Advisory review of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management plan for the City of Beira, Mozambique | +31 30 234 76 49 | 31 May 1999 |

By letter dated 14 September 1998 you requested the Commission for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to review the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Plan for Beira and the emergency works which have been executed.

Responding to your request I herewith submit the advisory review prepared by a working group of the Commission for EIA. This advisory review refers to the final report of the Beira Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project of March 1999, which, according to its preamble 'presents the results of this project that was carried out between April 1998 and February 1999'.

Referring to the observations in your message of 7 April 1999, I would like to respond as follows:

- i. It must be concluded that the Terms of Reference for the ICZM-plan are partly fulfilled.
 - In the report it is stated that the consultancy has resulted in a so called strategy plan or master plan. This plan has to be considered as the first of six steps in the development of an ICZM-plan;
 - The report fails to give a description of the input of stakeholders and municipality. Also the report fails to describe to what extent the results of the participatory process have been taken into account;
 - The analysis of the present institutional infrastructure and the administrative machinery is too superficial.

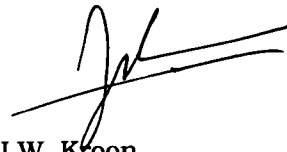
Even when time and budget constraints are taken into account, a better result could have been expected.

- ii. Emergency works:
 - The emergency works have been carried out satisfactorily. Within the prevailing time and budget constraints this is a reasonable achievement.

Referring to the process of guidance and review, I must conclude that the process has been less than perfect. Initially, the Commission was supposed to comment on a so-called work plan, to be ready at the time of the first site visit of the Commission in May 1998. However, a work plan was not available on this occasion. Therefore, the input of the Commission has been restricted to lengthy discussions with the consultant as well as an advisory report on the possible contents of a work plan. The work plan was prepared a month after the site visit. Unfortunately, it did not reach the Commission, so the Commission was unable to comment on the workplan.

Following receipt of a draft of a report of the Beira Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan, the Commission had some trouble with the question whether this report should be considered as the work plan or as first draft of the final report. The Commissions' observations called for a readjustment of the report as to make it better respond to the ToR. In the review phase, apparently, the readjustment was no longer possible. Also, the recommendations that three representatives of the working group made at the conclusion of their site visit in November 1998 were not taken up and elaborated in the final report.

The Commission hopes that this advice will contribute constructively to the incremental planning approach. The Commission appreciates to be informed about the way the DGIS utilizes this advice.



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